

CLAIMS

1 - 5 (Cancelled without prejudice)

6. (Amended) Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container when said lid is assembled on said container ~~The apparatus of Claim 1,~~ including corresponding tongue and groove members on said lid and said container to interfit with each other within said channel, said tongue and groove members providing said ~~structure to abutment to~~ and form a said liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container, said tongue and groove providing an inner contact and an outer contact surface between said lid and said container, said inner contact surface extending toward the bottom of the container as least as far as said outer contact surface, said outer contact surface being generally planar across its entire height.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, in which said upper edge includes a generally horizontal surface when said container opening faces upwards, and said generally horizontal surface extends generally about the periphery of said container, and said tongue and groove members include a groove formed in said horizontal surface, said lid channel including a corresponding generally horizontal surface that confronts said generally horizontal surface of said container edge, and said tongue and groove members further include a tongue element formed on said generally horizontal surface of said lid channel, said tongue element on said lid channel sized and configured to seat within said groove in said container upper edge in a liquid sealing manner when said lid and container are engaged.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which said tongue member is slightly larger than said groove member.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which said tongue member is misaligned horizontally with respect to said groove member.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped inwardly.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped outwardly.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped, said tongue member is slightly larger than said groove member, and said tongue member is misaligned horizontally with respect to said groove member.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, including cooperating engagement detents on said lid and said container to hold said lid and said container in said liquid-tight sealing relationship.

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